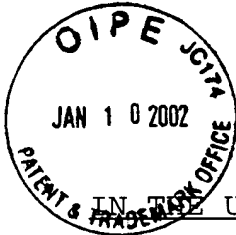


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This AMENDMENT is responsive to an Office Action dated July 10, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for response to this action to three (3) months from the date thereof requiring a response to be filed on or before October 10, 2001.

Pursuant to a Petition under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a), concurrently filed herewith, together with the fee required under

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